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Dear CCDF Family,

Effective May 11, 2014, there are **important** changes coming to the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) voucher program that could affect your child care voucher. The CCDF program, managed by the Bureau of Child Care (BCC), reimburses your child care provider for the time your child spends in care.

The CCDF reimbursement paid to your provider is determined by different factors including the amount your provider charges, the county you live in, the age of your child, and the type of child care program you have selected.

The BCC will be restructuring the amount that child care programs receive for caring for children on the CCDF voucher program and adding Indiana's Paths to QUALITY™ rating level of the program as a determining factor.

Paths to QUALITY is voluntary and open to all licensed and registered child care programs. Paths to QUALITY measures the quality of child care programs and assigns a rating of Level 1, 2, 3, or 4. Each rating level increase builds on the previous level and results in significant improvements to the care your child experiences.

- Level 1, *entry level*, programs meet the important health and safety standards.
- Level 2 programs ensure children have daily activities and materials to help with learning.
- Level 3 programs have planned lessons to help children get ready to succeed in school.
- Level 4, the **highest level** programs have met hundreds of extra quality standards and have achieved National Accreditation.

For more information about Paths to QUALITY please visit
<http://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/2554.htm>.



Because higher quality child care can often cost more, effective May 11, 2014 higher rated child care programs will be entitled to a higher reimbursement amount. ***This means the State will pay more for high quality child care that is Paths to QUALITY rated.***

This change will allow you to select the highest quality program available for your child. It may lower or eliminate your current out of pocket costs. You can find the new rates and more information on our website: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/4879.htm>.

The new rates go into effect May 11, 2014. Please talk to your provider to see how they may impact your voucher.

Sincerely,

Melanie Brizzi

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melanie Brizzi".

Bureau of Child Care
Child Care Administrator